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LB 615

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, do you want to read....

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 615 was introduced by Senator Wagner. (Read title to LB 615.) The bill was read on January 9 of this year. It was referred to the Government Committee for public hearing. It was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending. We had an amendment to the committee amendments by Senator Wagner and DeCamp which was adopted. We now have, Mr. President, committee amendments still before us.

SPEAKER MARVEL: So the discussion at the moment is the committee amendments as amended?

CLERK: Right.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wagner.

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker, Senator Lewis has an amendment here.

CLERK: Senator, it is not designated as an amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR LEWIS: That is what it is supposed to be.

CLERK: Okay. Mr. President, Senator Lewis moves to amend the committee amendments to insert a new section to read as follows: (Read Lewis amendment as found on page 724 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, Senator Warner's chief concern in regard to this bill was the adequate utilization of our state owned vehicles. I couldn't agree with him more. I think if we have vehicles available, they should be used first, and only if we request or require the employee to use a vehicle when one is not available from the state do we pay him the mileage, and there is a procedure in the Department of Administrative Services right now that certainly can hook onto this one. If there is a vehicle available and they don't use it now, they have the authority to pay at a lesser rate. But this amendment makes it very clear that we have vehicles available, those vehicles should be used. When they are not, when an individual has to use their own personal means of transportation, they should be compensated at a rate that is commensurate with the price of cars and gasoline, and that is going to change too. I move the amendment. Pat, would you read the amendment one